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File No. 6-26

Previous References

(R.A.)

Serial Nos. 21 & 21A.

Later references.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. Two.

✓
Part B for February 1927.

SUBJECT

Instructions to Dy. Commissioners of dists and other Authorities concerned regarding the conduct of elections to the Rep. Assembly and Legislative Council.

21) To the D.Cs of dists. Cir. letter no. Rel 708-15 of 18.2.27.

Issues further instructions regarding the elections in the matter of providing polling station for every 500 voters, giving assistance to illiterate voters, local officials not ~~being~~ influencing the voters in the exercise of their franchise copy to Presidents, Bangalore & Mysore City Municipalities & the Savy Board, &c &c

21A). To the D.Cs of dists.

Letter no. Rel 719-26 of 19.2.1927.

Draws attention to the instructions issued in 21 above and requests that polling officers may be directed to adhere strictly to the instructions and that polling centres may be revised wherever necessary in the light of the instructions regarding the same issued in 21.

Guilford
12/9/1927.

Routine Notes.

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A draft Circular to the Deputy Commissioners of Districts as to the necessity of opening a polling station for every 500 voters; for the convenience of voters the is submitted for approval as personally directed.

It is not intended to send the Circular to the Presidents of Municipalities as no complaints have been rec^d from urban constituencies. This is a matter for consideration.

3 It is also a point for consideration whether separate polling booths should be provided for the L.C. & R.A. elections to prevent confusion to the voters at the time of voting. The confusion will be more in the case of illiterate voters.

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4 The draft has been revised in the light of the instructions given personally.

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5 The newspaper criticisms may be referred to the following points:—

Routine Notes.

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- 1) more familiar symbols to be adopted
- 2) Voting to be marked in pencil
- 3) Names of candidates not voted for to be scored out instead of putting a cross mark against the names of candidates voted for
- 4) Bigger and bolder symbols to be used on voting paper
- 5) Seats for votes
- 6) Voters not to mention names of candidates to the polling officer

6 Points 11) & 13) ⁺¹⁴⁾ cannot go into the draft put up. Instructions may be given at the time of printing the voting paper. Votes have issued on (2); 15) & 16) have been included. The suggestion contd. in a letter received just now about the candidates' agents not stopping at the door to the booth is also included.

7 The draft is for exam.

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8. The draft as revised may be typed & brought before.

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ROUTINE NOTES.

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9 Several complaints were received regarding the irregularities being committed in the conduct of election. Many suggestions were made by the public both in the Press & in the communications to Govt.

10 An endeavour is made to convey clear instructions to the officers to meet all the objections & to avoid any inconvenience being caused to voters. Following these instructions, will minimize chances of election disputes.

11 Draft may perhaps be appd.

Dewan

~~2003/2/16~~

12 Submitted for perusal of Dewan

1st member

13 Appd. Pleas & how Chief Sec also before issue

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15 Issue

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N. B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

17 Please see what further action has to be taken on Mr. Mallick's letter. Extract therefrom has to go to the D.C. for reg; action & a report.

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ROUTINE NOTES.

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Submitted. The

L. The D. C. Com. of D. C.

No. Rel 708-15 / RA 6-26-21

D 718.2.27

Issues further instructions
in the matter of providing
polling stations for every 500 voters,
giving assistance to illiterate
voters, Govt officials not taking
part in the canvassing of votes

18. Submitted.

The circular letter has issued
to all the D. C. Com. of D. C.
May the same be sent to the
President of Bangalore &
Mysore cities municipalities
for information and the President
Sanitary Bd. M. G. F.

19. Further draft circular letter
to D. C. Com. of D. C.
is submitted for orders, as
personally directed.

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the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on
this form.

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Routine Notes.

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no: 716-18
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20. The circular letter about elections has issued.

21 It is not addressed to the Presidents of the City Municipalities and the President of the Sanitary Board. It is a point for consideration whether copies should be sent to them for information.

22. Another circular letter about revising the polling centers in the light of the instructions contained in the ~~prev~~ above letter is put up as personally instructed.

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Draft may be appd
number.
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19-2-27

Issue
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21A. To the Dy Commr of Dh-
No: 719-26 2/17. 2-27

N.B -Should routine notes be written on small slips the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

In view of attention to 21A & 21B request him to strictly adhere to the instructions contained therein for managing election disputes & request that polling centers may be revised wherever

Routine Notes.

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Necessary in the light of
instructions contained in paragraph
1 of the circular letter referred
to above so as to prevent
any inconvenience that
may be caused to the voters.

No: 729-9 D/19.2.29

To. The President Bangalore
City Municipal Council, Bangalore
City Municipalities & President
Sanitary Bd. K.G.F.

Forwards copy of the
above for information

11 copies

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Rel 708-15/R.A. 6-26-21 dated 18.2.27

To

R.A. 6-26-21

The Deputy Commissioners of Districts,
P. O. Box 117 Mysore
Mysore District R.F.

Sir,

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From the reports received from certain Deputy Commissioners regarding the arrangements made by them for polling, it is found that para 3 of circular letter No. Rel. 58-78 R.A. 6 of 26-2 dated 17th August 1926 regarding the provision of a polling centre for every 500 voters has not been strictly complied with and that a polling booth is made to serve even a thousand or more voters in some cases. In the opinion of Government, it is ~~absolutely~~ necessary that the convenience of voters should be an important factor to be reckoned with in the matter of opening polling centres and that a polling booth should be provided, as already ordered, for every 500 voters or thereabouts so as to afford facilities to the voters and also to prevent voting from being unduly prolonged.

The polling booths should not be concentrated in Taluk & quarters but must be located at convenient places.

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it has also been brought to notice that the illiterate voter is expected to mention to the polling officer the name of the candidate whom he wishes to vote for, at the time of voting. Such a practice is unwarranted by the rule and should, under no circumstances, be allowed. *It is enough if the voter simply indicates his intention by mentioning*

In the case of illiterate or defective

voters, attention is invited to rule 10 (c) of the rules in part II (a) of the Notification No. 2399/Legis. 12-23-6 dated 7th November 1923 directing that the Polling Officer may assist the voters, if so desired ^{by the voter} in marking the vote on the voting paper, a record of the same being made on the voting paper and attested by the polling officer in the presence of the associates. Beyond this, the Polling Officers should not in any way interfere with the independent judgment of the voters in respect of their exercise of power of voting.

Made clear
It should also be clearly understood ^{to} that all Government officials including ~~the~~ ^{that they} patels and shanbhogs should in no manner influence the voters in regard to their exercise of independent judgment in voting, either within the Polling Booth or outside ^{it} ~~any~~ infringement of these instructions will be severely noticed by Government.

Every endeavour should be made to see that ~~only one~~ ^{one at a time} voters ^{are} admitted into the Polling Booth, ^{The place where the voter records his vote} which should be separate and screened ^{off} ~~from the Polling Officer~~ ^{so as to ensure complete privacy from any observation.} at a time, ~~that the next voter should be admitted only after the previous voter has completed his voting and that no one should be present at the booth except the voter.~~

The agents of candidates should not be permitted to stop near the doorway leading to the polling booth.

Illustrate voters
Who desire help and
always be asked whether
they are not able to
identify the Candidates
from the Symbols of
the Symbols of the
different Candidates
and also the mentioned
to them. Hence the
if they request help
attestation should be
resorted to

With a view to prevent confusion in voting two places on either side of the Polling officer with a partition, should be set apart in each polling station for the purpose of recording votes for the Representative Assembly & Legislative Council.

Seats may also be provided, as far as possible, for the voters.

I have etc.,

S. A.
Ex. Officio Secretary,
R.A., & L.C.

S. A.
16.2.27.

No. 716-18/R.A. 6-26-21 dt 19-2-27

Copy to President Bangalore
City Municipality President
Mysore City M. Corp. President
Sanitary and Health Department

SUBJECT.....

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Rel 719-86

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue.....

18.2.27

Signed by.....

MW D.N.

To

The Deputy Commissioners
of Districts.

Sir,

In writing your kind
attention to the circular
letter No. Rel 708-15 of
18.2.27 issuing further
instructions in re: the conduct
of elections to the New Rep.
Assembly and Legislative
Council, I am directed to
request you to kindly direct
the polling officers to strictly
adhere to the instructions
contained therein & minimize
the election disputes.

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List of enclosures.....

Copied by.....

Examined by.....

I am also to request that
 the polling centres may be
 revised ^{wherever needed} in the light of the
~~his~~ instructions contained in
 paragraph 11 of the circular
 letter referred to above &
 so as to prevent any inconvenience
 that may be caused to the

Voters

I have re

~~J. C. M. S. A.~~ Secretary to P. H. & L. C.
 and Secretary to Govt Law Department

No 727-9, Dt 19-2-27.

Copy to President Bangalore
 City Municipality, Mysore City
 Municipality & President, Saurashtra
 B. K. G. for information.